national average. Solar energy is one of the options for electrification of the remote villages in the State, alongwith other renewable energy options such as small hydro and biomass.

(c) An amount of Rs. 336.7 lakhs was released during 2003-04 for installation of solar photovoltaic systems in Assam.

Theft of encrypted communication codes from DRDO unit, Delhi

*50. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that on October 4-5,2003, the Indian Defence establishments encrypted communication codes have been stolen from DRDO unit at Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the theft took place about twelve months ago but till date the codes have not been changed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) On October 4-5, 2003 a theft took place in Metcalfe House Complex in which 18 CPUs were stolen. It was established from the investigation that the information lost was of non-sensitive nature.

(b) and (c) No communication codes have been stolen.

Slow pace of power reforms

*51. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA;

SHRI RAVULACHANDRASEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reforms process in the power sector has slowed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.